## House Resolution No. 1308

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Booker T. Rice of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the pastor of New Horizon Seventh Day Christian Church; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2007, pastor Booker Rice will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he is ordained into the Gospel ministry of the Christian faith at New Horizon Seventh Day Christian Church; and

Whereas, Booker Rice prepared for his spiritual leadership endeavors by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and biblical languages from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and a Certificate of Divinity from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan; and

Whereas, currently the senior pastor of New Horizon Seventh Day Christian Church, Booker Rice has pastored eight church congregations throughout the states of Kansas and Missouri and has coordinated, managed, and conducted evangelism outreach in various cities throughout the United States and in southern Africa; and

Whereas, Booker Rice is a member of the boards of the YMCA Emerson Branch, City of Saint Louis Health Issues, Saint Louis Metropolitan Clergy Coalition and its Health Issues Committee, Interfaith Partnership, Saint Louis 2004, Downtown Saint Louis Development Task Force, Saint Louis Black Leadership Roundtable, Northside Consortium, American Cancer Society, Saint Louis Connect Care, Faith Beyond Walls, Arch's Access to Health Committee, Citizens for Home Rule Committee, Governor's Task Force on AIDS/HIV, City of Saint Louis Education Task Force, Tobacco Free Missouri Campaign, Saint Louis Campaign for Housing and Jobs, Missouri Foundation for Health, Missouri Initiative to Stop Smoking in Our Neighborhoods, Community Business Resource Council's Business Development Committee, Cancer Support Center, Connectcare, and Regional Health Commission:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the ordination of Booker Rice into the Gospel ministry and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, spiritual, and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Booker T. Rice of Saint Louis, Missouri.

| Offered by   |
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| Representative Esther Haywood                              |
| District No. 71  |
| I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,    |
| Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  |
| certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House |
| Resolution No. 1308, adopted March 15, 2007.               |